EDDIE PLANK AND OTHER FEDS WILL ADD GREAT STRENGTH TO ST. LOUIS AMERICANS

ST. LOUIS BROWNS TO HAVE GREATEST PITCHING STAFF IN EITHER LEAGUE IN 1916

Mound City American Leaguers, Long Looked Upon as Joke Team of Game, May Be Serious Contender for Pennant

Fig. eight years baseball scribes, fans, and even players, have been poking fun at the St. Louis Browns. Two or three players threatened to quit the game when an attempt was made to trade them to the Browns, as this was considered a calamity by ball players. Minor leaguers have been known to put up horrible exhibitions when tipped off that a scout for the St. Louis Americans was in the stand looking them over. Another year in the minor league field was preferable to playing with the Browns.

It was not always thus. When the American League first started, and until it had been in existence for years, it was always regarded as one of the strongest teams in the circuit, but carelessness on the part of the management caused the Browns to sink into the rut. Jimmy McAlcer retained his veterans too long, and the team went completely to pieces in 1908. He had neglected to school youngsters to take their place, and the Browns never re-

Probably all the unkind remarks and slurs hurled at the Browns were deserved because they surely were as poor a team as one could find anywhere until Branch Rickey took charge. Rickey improved matters some by putting some fight into his men, but it was still far from being a ball team. During the 1915 season Rickey picked up a few sensational youngsters and was apparently due to bring his team close to the first division.

. . . Fifth Place Was Usual Aim of Browns, But They Always Failed

Nothing better than a fifth place team was hoped for by the Mound City fans, who had become so used to having a tall-end American League club that they did not know how to act when the Browns played real bath. Three weeks ago it was a million to one that the Browns could not win the American League pennant, despite the memory of the miracles accomplished by Stallings and Moran. But terms of the peace agreement have so completely changed the aspect that the Browns look like an even bet against any other team in the American League.

Perhaps the fare may think this is stretching imagination, but, as pitching is more than half the battle, a glance at the slab material available will convince one that this dope is correct. The Browns will have a pitching staff superior to any in the entire country after the consolidation of the Sloufeds

Bill Donovan Has Picked Browns as Pennant Winners

"Wild Bill" Donovan, manager of the Yankees, who is spending the holidays at his home in this city, already has picked the Browns as certain penpant winners. This does not mean that the Browns will be penuant winners because Bill is known to have made several poor predictions regarding his Yanks, but it just goes to show the way sentiment has changed.

Bill had a great deal of trouble with his pitchers last season, and knows a pitcher when he sees one. He agrees that the Browns will have the greatest staff in the country, with Eddie Plank and Dave Davenport, of the Peds, added to Carl Wellman, Earl Hamilton and Ernest Koob, the sensational young southpaw of the 1915 staff. Then there is Bob Groom, a star when he fumped Washington; Otis Crandall, a great relief pitcher, and two or three Feds' youngsters who will battle with "Rope" Perryman, Harry Hoch, Bill Philipps and several Browns' youngsters for the extra twirling positions.

Browns Will Have Four Wonderful Southpaws

Four of the staff are left-handers, and they all rank with the best in the pame. Of the certainties on the new staff Davenport is the right-handed pitcher. This is the only faulty point in the make-up of the staff, and one more high-class right-hander could be used. Left-handed pitchers have greater success in the American League than in the National, however, because the majority of dangerous hitters in Johnson's league awing from the left side of the plate. In the past Plank, Wellman and Hamilton have found right-handed hitters just as easy as left-handers. But one more good right-hander would

For several seasons the Browns have been without a capable first baseman; have been experimenting at short and trusting third base to the veteran Jimmy Austin, who is hardly better than a class AA minor leaguer. The outfield was a makeshift affair until 1915, when the coming of Sisler completed a fairly strong trio, but Clarence Walker fell far below his 1914 form, and there is room for improvement.

Sisler, Shotton and Pratt Only 1915 Men to Hold Jobs

Derrill Pratt and Bert Shotton were the only Brownies of recent years who played brilliant ball consistently, and with Sisler are the only members of the 1915 team, barring battery men, who will be able to hold their positions as regulars. The St. Louis Feds will supply the men needed to round out a powerful team. In this respect the Browns and Cubs are extremely lucky, as both are merging with the Federal League teams, which had a large percentage of the best material of the independent league.

There is little doubt that Borton, of the Feds, will beat out Jack Leary and Ivan Howard, of the 1915 Browns, for the first-base position. Borton was tried out by the White Sox and Yankees three years ago, but he was sent back to the Pacific Coast League for further seasoning. He has improved wonderfully and is now considered strong enough to hold his own with the average major league first-sacker.

Johnson and Deal Will Replace Lavan and Austin

Second base will go to Derrill Pratt, but Johnny Lavan probably will lose out at short to Johnson, who jumped from the Pacific Const League and was a Federal League sensation. He is said to be a finished player, much on the order of Dave Bancroft. At third Jimmy Austin has virtually no chance to beat out Deal, formerly of the Braves. Deal was always a wonderful fielder, but a weak hitter. While at St. Louis Fielder Jones changed his style completely, and he improved his average more than 50 points.

George Sisler has one of the outfield positions clinched, as he is recognized as a coming Cobb, and Bert Shotton should hold centre field against the field, if he does not start to go back. The other position will find Tobin, a sensational and highly touted youngster; Armanda Marsans, another star, and Ward Miller, of the Feds, battling with Clarence Walker. If the latter can show his 1914 form the Browns will have so much good outfield material that Fielder Jones will hardly know what to do with it.

Federal Leaguer Probably Will Purchase Indians

Reports from Cleveland indicate that Charley Somers, the man who is responsible for the success of the American League, will be forced to get out of the game, and that the Indians will be sold to the highest bidder. It is safe to predict that a Federal Leaguer will be allowed to buy this franchise. This will make still another Fed magnate taken into the fold. Harry Sinclair will soon purchase the Giants and another Fed magnate is negotiating for the Reds. What a terrible defeat the Feds sustained at the hands of O. B. in the peace pariey.

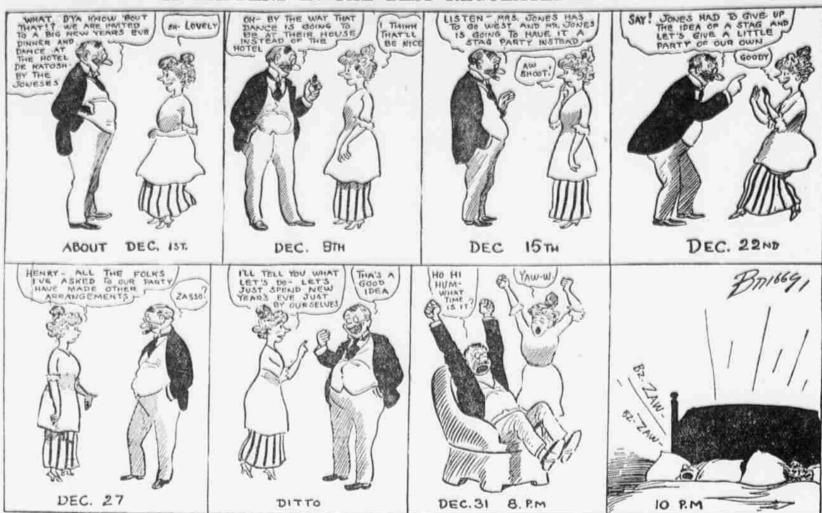
Camden Made Record When It Forgot Individual Play

Individual play held the Camden Eastern League five back throughout the season. On Wednesday evening they tried passing the ball and hung up a record score at the expense of De Neri. The 19 assists made by Camden is conclusive proof that individual play was forgotten. The excellent result obtained by passing the ball and helping the other fellow to a goal or two may awaken the Skeeters to the fact that they have the material at hand to get back in the pennant race if they pull together.

Griffith Is Anxious to "Help" Cleveland

Clark Griffith is certainly a philanthropic individual. He says that he is willing to give the slew-footed Gandil, weak-hitting Morgan and crippled Boehling to the Cleveland Club in order to "strengthen" the Indians. He said that there would be no trouble in arranging a trade whereby these three "stars" would join the Indians. All the Washington manager wants for his three "stars" is Guy Morton, who is only worth as much as Griff's whole team, barring Walter Johnson. Griffith would not need a team if he had Johnson and Morton

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



RISE OF PUTNAM ELEVEN FEATURE OF 1915 SOCCER

Germantown C. C. Won 3 Cricket Cups and Phila.

C. C. Victors at Hockey

WANDERERS WIN CUP

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in field hockey the Philadelphia Cricket. Club girls' team was again supreme, while in cricket Germantown repeated the performance of the Philadelphia Cricket Club in 1814 by winning the Hallfax, Philadelphia and Associated Cricket Clubs' cups. The 1915 winners at hockey, soccer and cricket follow:

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sor F. C. won Allied League, third ampionalist League, special division olitencille wen United League championship. Sile won Franklinville League champlesship, tavesford College won intercollegiste cham-Northeast High School won Interscholastic League championship. Beinishem F. C. won Dewar trophy (Nationa)

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1915 Champions in Philadelphia Sports

Baseball Professional - Athletics (interleague ries winners). Scholastic-Northeast High School.

Football holastic-Central High School, ademic-Penn Charter,

Golf Men—H. L. Willoughby, Jr. Women—Mrs. R. H. Barlow, Junior—M. M. Jack.

Tennis

Men-W. T. Tilden, 2d (singles), L. C. Wister and Stanley Pearson (doubles). Women-Miss Alice Cunningham (singles), Miss E. G. Osthelmer and Mrs. W. P. Newhall (doubles). Mixed doubles-Miss Sara Myers and J. S. Disston, Jr. Soccer

Wanderers (Amateur Cup winners), Field Hockey Philadelphia Cricket Club

Cricket Germantown Cricket Club. Squash Racquets Germantown Cricket Club. Trap Shooting

Charles Newcomb. Bowling William Knox Billiards

Joseph Mayer.

MOTORING McGUSTY TELLS HOW HE LEARNED TO HANDLE AUTO

Trials and Tribulations of Attempting to Operate "Warm Baby" Portrayed With Humor, Satire and Touches of Near-Tragedy

By MOTORING McGUSTY



"If she was in Germany there'd be no

polite about it. There wasn't any argu ment over it. Mrs. Piggott just climbed into the back seat and nempted it-occur pled it flush. We met Smithson outside of his garage on Race stret. I introduced Mrs. Piggott, saying:

at with us for my first lessor. Piggott gave Smithson a short bow and got in. She isn't much of a talker, either. Smithson took me aside and said,

TVE been asked why 1 didn't make 1 liched all over to get at it. Broad

Southson said. I was too grateful to him for preventing us from moving into the moving was. We had given it a little jolt. Just enough of a jolt to boost the driver out of his seat and astride one of his horses. We didn't wait around for any

Statement from him. No, the Warm Baby wasn't damaged. The Warm Baby, I forgot to mention, weighs 4678 pounds. I weighed her on the comman's scales quite recently. She was built during the days of heavy-bal-lasted designs. There's good stuff in her and she nees right through things and doesn't get mussed up much. When Smithson turned her over to me finally.

I look Smithson's word for it that I could run her. I had stalled her enough to set practice in cranking her. She was built before the days of self-starters and admit helleve would take kindly to one independent of the wonen's Golf-Assertation e Phillodelphia. Mrs. University amends that the level would take kindly to one could run her. I had stalled her enough to get practice in cranking her. She was pense. Which I don't, after paying for all those jitney fenders. But Smithson was wrong about my complete ability to stop her, which I learned when I got to the Manayunk hill.

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Huntingdon Valley C. C. won interclub team championship of the tiol Association of Philadelphia. Merion C. C. won aualitying round, the stop her, which I learned when I got to the Manayunk hill.

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JASPER TEAM WINS FROM DE NERI FIVE Johnson Aids Jewels in Scoring 27-19

Victory

JASPER.

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PUBLIC COURSE DEVELOPMENT **BOOM TO GOLF**

Mrs. Vanderbeck's Titular Victory and Cobb's Creek

to the public until next spring.

M. M. Jack, Merion, retained the junior championship, while the various invitation tournaments were well attended and keenly fought.

Summary for the year: Philo leichts Cricket Club won the Philodel-phia Team Cap competition of the Women's Golf Association Painment Country Club won the Suburban Train Copy competition of the Wemen's Golf Association

Moorestown Field Club won the Wallingford feath Cup competition of the Women's Golf-psychation you can start her and stop her. I'm going Merchantville Field (fig) wen the Subarban comewhere to get a Turkish bath and a Cup competition of the Golf Association of Philosophic Competition of the Golf Association of

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Harold A. Sands, Merian C. C., won Joseph Henry Patterson Memorial Cup.

Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck, Philadelphia Cricket Club, won championship of the Woneu's Emiern Golf Association.

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ATHLETICS AT PENN MEDIOCRE IN PAST YEAR

Quakers Did Not Show Championship Form in Any Sports

AQUATIC TEAM GOOD

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

Nineteen fifteen was not a happy year for University of Pennsylvania athletic teams, at least not if, as generally supposed, intercollegiate happiness is measured by the number of championships won. The Quakers did not win a single championship outright. The nearest they came to it was a triple tie in swimming with Yale and Columbia.

In football the Quakers suffered more serious reverses than ever in their history as a big team. Baseball and rowing were similarly unfortunate, the baseball team keeping company with the football team in the ratio of defeats. In rowing both the varsity and freshman crews finished last at Poughkeepsle. The track team did a little better, tying with Deserted did a little better, tying with Princeton for fourth place.

for fourth place.

In one zense there is nothing extraordinary in Pennsylvania's barren athletic year. The Quakers' experience merely duplicates what every big university has to endure at one time or another, though it is not usual for all the major sports teams to hit the toboggan the same year. Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Cornell have at various times had years almost as lean as 1915 was for Pennsylvania.

Wait Until Next Year

But while it is true that Pennsylvania had a bad year in nearly all sports, 1916 looms up full of exceptionally bright prospects. In football the Quakers are lookling for a team of championship propor-tions, while in baseball the acquisition of two remarkable pitchers from last year's two remarkable pitchers from last year's first year class strengthens what was the fatal weakness of the Red and Blue's 1215 team. The track outlook is bright enough, though the most optimistic track fan hardly looks for a victory over Cornell. In rowing there is at least lots of weathers and the strength of the stre enthusiasm, due to the return of many veterans and the engagement of Joe Wright as the new coach.

The football season has already been reviewed to death. Nearly every critic has his own opinion as to what was the team's major trouble. The two on which most men are unanimous was the lack of one supreme head coach and a trainer. The new football committee has already taken steps to correct both of these errors for 1816. Who the new coach and trainer will be have not been decided yet, but will be announced shortly after the new year. It is certain, however, that they will be men who will inspire confithey will be men who will inspire confi-dence. They, in conjunction with a splen-did lot of material, are the factors which make Pennsylvania men look forward to the coming season with so much confi-dence.

In college baseball the pitcher is about In college baseball the pitcher is about three-fourths of the team. The Quakers tried out fully a dozen pitchers and did not find a really dependable man in the lot. The team was a good fielding combination, and it was fair with the bat, but having no first-class pitchers was forecriained to be badly beaten in its championship matches. All the important series of the year, with Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Michigan, were lost, principally for lack of pitchers.

Two Good Pitchers

For 1916 the Quakers have the promise of two excellent pitchers. One is Swigler, who pitched for the freshmen; the other, Light, incligible by reason of the irst-year rule. Swigler was one of the best first-year twirlers in college ranks and next spring he ought to measure up with the best in the country. Light is conthe best in the country. Light is con-sidered to be virtually as good. In prewhen two or more important games had to be played in a single week, for college pitchers are seldom able to pitch two championship games in a week. If both championship games in a week. If both Swigler and Light make good the Red and Blue will be better fortified with

The track season was exceptionally good, barring the intercollegiate cham-pionships. The Quakers lost the dual pionships. The Quakers lost the dual meet to Cornell, as expected, but they beat Dartmouth. In the relay carnival the one-mile team, composed of Kauffman Lockwood, Linningort and Meredith established a new world record. Two severe accidents were all that prevented Pennsylvania taking second place to Cornell in the Intercollegiates. Both occurred during the preliminaries. In his preliminary heat in the 100-yard dash Control Den Limineart milled a tendon. and with that ascident went Pennsylvania's hopes for eight or ten peints by him. A few minutes later hob Fergusia tripped in his heat in the low hurdles at sustained such a had fall that he was Captain Don Lippincott pulled a at sustained such a had fall that he was unable to qualify for the remificals. Fer-guson did win the high hurdles, but he would have won the low hurdles, too for his accident. Had Perguson and Lip-pincott escaped accidents the Quakers, would almost certainly have scored more than 30 points, which would have given them a good second.

In two of the miner sports, rewing and soccer. Pennsylvania did exceptionally well. It was generally admitted that Pennsylvania deserved to be ranked that Pennsylvania deserved to be maked that in swimming, though, technically, it had to be satisfied with a three-cornered tie with Yale and Columbia. In soccer football Pennsylvania lost to Haverford by a single point after having wen

There was plenty of interest in the other. minor sports, and while winning no other championships the Red and Blue at least maintained the average excellence in

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